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Mrs. Harold B. Hinton
1425 Thirty-fourth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Hinton:

For more than a year the Central Intelligence Agency, in cooperation with the National Capital Regional Planning Council and the National Capital Planning Commission, has been considering the selection of a site for its proposed headquarters building. During this process we have studied more than 30 possible locations throughout the District of Columbia and its environs, and we engaged a private firm of consulting engineers and landscape architects to make independent recommendations in this matter.

As you probably know, we have received the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission approving our proposal to locate our new building on a portion of the Bureau of Public Roads property at Langley, Virginia. Inasmuch as you have expressed an interest in the location of our building, we would like you to know that we have decided to proceed with our plans for the development of the property at Langley, which we sincerely believe provides the site best suited to our needs.

While this decision is adverse to the resolution adopted by the Progressive Citizens Association of Georgetown, I am sure you will realize the impossibility of obtaining unanimous agreement with regard to the location of an installation of this size. We appreciate the opportunity you have afforded us to consider the resolution of your Association, and, in particular, I should like to thank you for the interest you have shown in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Signed

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Deputy Director

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